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Surinam, Somalia In "Refugees" Tributes

Sets of two and four were issued April 7 by Surinam and Somalia, respectively, in tribute to the United Nations World Refugee Year.



Surinam used the uprooted tree symbol in values and colors of 8c plus 4c brown and green and 10c plus 5c blue and green. Each value carries the legend in English "HELP THE REFUGEES". They were produced in offset by Enschede en Zonen, Haarlem, the Netherlands.



Somalia's offering consists of three regulars—10c brown and green, 60c yellow and brown (both showing a portion of the globe representing East Africa), and 80c pink and green (palm tree)—plus a 1.50 Somalia airmail depicting a stork in flight. Each design also shows the uprooted tree symbol.

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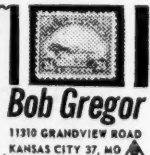
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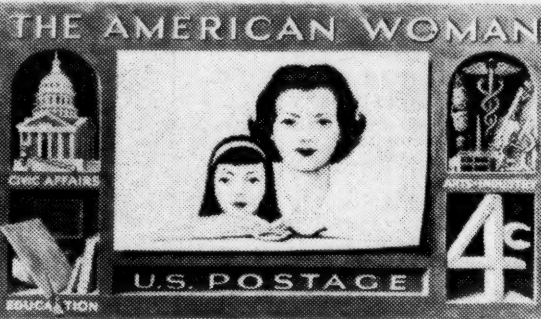
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A TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN WOMAN is the subject of the surprise stamp just announced by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield. The commem-color not yet decided—will appear in Washington June 2 in conjunction with a conference sponsored by the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor. The new stamp was designed by Robert Sivard; it will be printed on the Cottrell presses and issued in panes of 50; quantity 120,000,000 copies.

Surprise Stamp June 2 Honors American Women; Quito OAS 10c Postponed To March 1, '61

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced that a 4c stamp honoring "The American Woman" will be placed on sale June 2 at Washington, D. C. in conjunction with a conference on national and international topics under the sponsorship of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor.

The design was prepared by Robert Sivard, Chief of the Exhibits Division, United States Information Agency. With the Quito Conference 10c airmail now postponed to March 1, 1961, this is the 27th item (including three new envelopes) scheduled for 1960 release.

PMG Summerfield, in announcing this stamp, expressed the hope that it will, "through design and purpose, pay great tribute to American women who give so much to the social, economic, and spiritual life of our Nation as wives and mothers and in the business and professional world.

"The accomplishments of women of the United States are of interest not only to our country but also to

the women of all nations who are achieving more acceptance in the social, economic, and political life of their countries," he continued.

"There are more than 63,000,000 adult women in the United States, and more than 25,000,000 of them are mothers of children of preschool and school age. The more than 22,000,000 working women make up more than a third of all workers in the country," Mr. Summerfield explained.

In the center of the stamp design, against a plain background, is a sketch of a mother and a young girl (Continued on page 22)

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Myron E. Steczynski

It so happens that Poland, and the entire philatelic world for that matter, are about to celebrate the centennial of Poland's first postage stamp at the International Philatelic Exhibition "POLSKA '60" in Warsaw September 3-11. The many aspects of this one stamp will be glorified in so many different ways that it is only fitting that some comment be made as to what the celebration is all about.

I should not be the one writing this article on Poland No. 1 because it is not my prime interest in the stamps of Poland. Secondly, there are several specialists in the Polonus Philatelic Society who eat and sleep around the clock with Poland No. 1's.



Poland No. 1

They not only have noteworthy collections and even hoards of this stamp, but also appear to know by heart that numerical cancellation No. 24 is Wilkowszki, No. 85 is Hrubieszow and No. 278 is Sosnowice. They know that "D.P." is the railroad station in Praga, a suburb of Warsaw with trains going into Russia, and that the target and bullseye cancellers were used on moving postal cars of railroads.

Due to the prime interest of No. 1 collectors in canceled copies and in covers bearing it, much excellent editorial material is available on the history and on the use of the very first—and for 58 years the one and only—stamp of Poland. Accordingly, this phase will be intentionally minimized here.

Anyone interested in this field and in the listing of numerical cancellations in the Kingdom of Poland is referred to the excellent 20-page booklet by V. Rachmanoff, which may be obtained from the Polonus

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Instead of repeating many of the historic details, this article will deal primarily with the stamp itself which does not carry the name of the country it served. Historical data are introduced only to explain or to support findings which bear on its description.

About three million were printed over a period of about five years which began with the date of issue on January 1, 1860 and ended with the day of withdrawal on April 1, 1865. These dates ran concurrently with the Civil War in the United States.

When the design for this bicolored item was first prepared, it was the original intention to have the red underprint extend throughout and beyond the red oval.

This underprint was later removed from the area of the draped cloak in the coat of arms, so that it extended only beyond the cloak as well as under the corner numerals. Its overall size is such that it extends into the white borderline formed just within the fine blue border.

This fact is stressed because in the actual printing, especially as the plates became worn, the delicate blue border line became bent, broken, pitted or otherwise deformed to create distinct earmarks for plate study.

At the same time the overlapping edge of the red underprint might have been flattened, so that the red dots at the edges were at times transferred into a continuous red line.

The original dies provided for a thin line around the center oval both in the red plate and in the blue plate. The blue oval was about "half an eyelash" larger than the red oval, so that both practically coincided with perfect register, but magnified offcentering even with the slightest shift.

Hence this oval line was removed from nearly all blue plates, but was allowed to remain in some instances. After examining many hundreds of these stamps, fellow mem-

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BUREAU REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1960

Plate No. 26508 for the 4c Washington "Credo" stamp was sent to press in January, but was not included in the report of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for that month. No other Washington plates for this design went to press during February, nor were any new plates assigned.

Among the plates sent to press in February were Nos. 26552, 26553, 26554, and 26555 for the 4c Thomas G. Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" stamp, and 26557 and 26562 for the 8c denomination of this set. Plate 26577 was assigned for the 8c Masaryk stamp but not sent to press.

Also sent to press were plates 26582 and 26587 for the 4c Franklin "Credo" stamp, first placed on sale March 31 at Philadelphia, Pa. Assigned during February were Franklin plates 26578 (master plate), 26589 and 26591.

Plates 26563 and 26570 for the 25c international airmail stamp scheduled for issuance April 22 at San Francisco, were also sent to press during February. Other stamps involved in printings that month were the 1, 4 and 7c regular postage denominations, and the 7c airmail.

Other plates assigned for the 25c international airmail were Nos. 26576 and 26579. Master plate 26601 was assigned for the 10c denomination of this airmail series.

Plates for the 4c Water Conservation stamp assigned during February were 26588, 26590, 26592, and 26600. World Refugee Year plates assigned were 26596, 26597, 26598, and 26599. Also assigned was master plate 26575 for the 4c Jefferson "Credo" stamp scheduled for May 18 release.

The listing of plates canceled during February will be announced next week.

Numbers assigned during February to plates for the printing of postage stamps were:

Jefferson "Credo" 4c commem, 200-subject master plate, numbered 26575.
 Franklin "Credo" 4c commem, 200-subject plates, numbered 26578 (master plate), 26582, 26587, 26589, 26591.

World Refugee Year 4c commem, 200-subject plates, numbered 26596-97-98-99.

Water Conservation 4c commem, 200-subject plates, numbered 26588, 26590, 26592, 26600.

Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" 8c commem, 288-subject plate, numbered 26577.

Airmail 25c regular (new 1959 design), 200-subject plates, numbered 26576, 26579.

Airmail 10c regular (new 1959 design), 200-subject master plate, numbered 26601.

Liberty 4c regular, 400-subject plates, numbered 26580-81.

Liberty 4c coil, 432-subject plates, numbered 26585-86.

Liberty 4c booklet, 360-subject plates, numbered 26593-94.

Liberty 3c regular, 400-subject plates, numbered 26583-84, 26595.

The following plates were sent to press and printed from for the first time during February:

Liberty 1c regular, 400-subject plates, numbered 26429-30.

Liberty 1c coil, 432-subject plates, numbered 26411-12.

Liberty 4c booklet, 360-subject plates, numbered 26518-19-20-21.

Liberty 7c regular, 400-subject plates, numbered 25309-10.

Airmail 7c booklet, 360-subject plates, numbered 26458-59.

Airmail 7c coil, 432-subject plates, numbered 26446-47.

Airmail 25c regular (new 1959 design), 200-subject plates, numbered 26563, 26570.

Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" 4c commem, 280-subject plates, numbered 26552-53-54-55.

Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" 8c commem, 288-subject plates, numbered 26557, 26562.

Franklin "Credo" 4c commem, 200-subject plates, numbered 26582, 26587.

Sent to press during January, but not included in the Bureau's report for that month was George Washington "Credo" 4c commem, 200-subject plate, numbered 26508.

As previously stated, the Bureau report for February does not include a listing of plates canceled during that month; it will be released in the near future.

Brooklynite Finds UN "Building" Error

According to a recent press report from New York City, the discovery of a sheet of the recent United Nations 8c Palais de Chaillot "Buildings" stamp of February 29 has netted a neat \$3996 profit for a young Brooklyn collector.

Three weeks after purchasing the sheet, Richard Klein, 15-year-old son of a truck driver, noticed that

instead of having gum on the reverse side, the sheet bore a recent stamp issue of the middle eastern sheikdom of Kuwait.

Klein immediately got in touch with R. K. Strite of Queens, a dealer. Strite checked with Thomas de la Rue & Co. Ltd. of London and was told the sheet probably was the only one of its type to have gotten past the company's inspectors.

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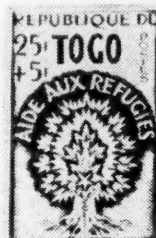
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The design features the United Nations recommended symbol, the uprooted tree. Printing was by the steel engraving process, by the French Government Printers, Paris. This set is the last to appear prior to Togo's achieving full independence April 27.



Independence will bring a set of nine suitable commemoratives, printed by Thomas de la Rue and Co., Ltd., London. Ordinary mail values will be 0.30, 0.50, 1, 10, 20, and 25 francs showing Prime Minister Sylvanus Olympio against the new Togolese flag. Produced by lithography, they will be in five colors.

Airmails will be of 100 and 200fr. showing the new Hotel Le Benin against the nation's flag, and 500fr., a bird in flight past a map of Togo with the principal cities indicated. These three values will be lithographed in four colors.

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Elsewhere in this issue of the weekly you will find an article with the title... THE CASE FOR AND AGAINST "ORIGINAL GUM". This article is written by Colonel O. H. Schrader, F.R.P.S.L., U. S. Army Retired. Colonel Schrader has had a world of experience in stamp collecting both in the United States and in Latin American climates and elsewhere and is qualified to speak on the subject of gum on stamps and its effects on stamps in different climatic locations.



GEORGE W. LINN

F. Libby of Scarborough Beach, Maine and may be news to others as well as myself. Here is the letter.

"Dear Mr. Linn:

"As a follow up to your editorial of recent date, that you do not like Philatelic Agencies, I have received a letter from a man with whom I correspond in Ghana. He had previously sent me a first day of issue of their new postal card. I wrote him and asked him to send me a mint copy. This is what he wrote back, and I quote. "There are no Postal Cards available," I was told on two occasions when I inquired for them. In fact these cards are not used. They do not serve any purpose in Ghana. I have never seen one in anybody's hands or in the mail. However I shall still look for them and when I can get any I will send one to you. I have not used one myself except those I sent you. I believe the post office has packed them on the shelf. They are of no use to the Ghana letter writing public or the business houses there. Perhaps this is another instance of the Agencies telling them what to print."

To Mr. Brown of Albany, N. Y.

The following is taken from the back of a postal card that has come from you. I print it solely because it is the only letter of a similar nature that has come to me whereas on the other hand I have had dozens of lovely letters from friends and readers who have told me how much they have enjoyed the travelogues as you call them but if I started printing such letters I would need several pages to quote them all. I can not of course use all that space but I am glad to give you this space to air your views. I quote....

"Dear Mr. Linn:

"When are you going to stop blowing about yourself on the editorial page of your paper? You are supposed to print stamp news for your subscribers, not travelogues.

"Edward M. Brown."

Letters Of All Kinds

We print them sometimes as note the one above and then read this protest from a Mr. Oscar E. Lancaster.

"Dear Sir,

"It seems to me that it is more than high time that the stamp publications and stamp collectors generally, should protest the very arbitrary removal of stamps from the Philatelic Sales Agency. So often the removal is without reason, apparently. A very recent example was the removal of the One Cent Lincoln Sesquicentennial. This stamp was removed from the Sales Agency list, while other stamps, issued and placed on sale at the Agency prior to the One Cent Lincoln, are still on the same list from which the Lincoln is omitted. Such as the Journalism, Forest Conservation, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Ft. Duquesne and the Four Cent and Eight Cent Kossuth.

"Very obviously, the One Cent Lincoln was not removed because the supply had become exhausted. Or that centering was poor.

"The Philatelic Sales Agency seems to use no system whatever in removal of stamps from sale there. They should either be removed in the order that they were issued and placed on sale at the Agency or the Sales Agency should have the decency to advise the major philatelic journals and columnists well in advance as to when a stamp is to be removed from sale at the Agency.

"Stamp collectors should protest to both the Postmaster General and their Congressmen."

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In addition to the above Mr. Lancaster sent a similar letter of protest to Mr. Summerfield.

Mr. Summerfield should have thrown it in the WPB but he may have answered it. Just why any collector should protest the removal of any stamp from the Philatelic Agency list is more than we can understand. We often wonder how some people collect stamps. What are they aiming at? For years past collectors have bought stamps and each year they watch the catalogues to see if the stamps are advancing in price. They like to see such advances but certainly anyone should know that the only way any agency stamps can advance in price is for them to be sold out and then leave the available supply in the hands of collectors and dealers. Even then, until the available supply in the hands of collectors is washed up and out of the way only then will any stamps begin to advance in price. The best thing the agency could do for the good of collectors would be to clean every stamp out of the agency within not more than 30 days after its issue. That would allow ample time for every collector in the country to get all he would want of any stamp and only in that manner can the stamps begin to advance. If you just want to collect labels, why not try T. B. Seals or Crippled Children Seals, they are just as pretty.

SMILEATELICS... by Bob Rieker



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Gotham Women Extend Informal Show April 28

The next regular meeting of the Women's Philatelic Society of New York will be held at the Hotel Statler Hilton 33rd St. and 7th Ave., New York City at 8 o'clock.

The informal exhibit and member participation was popular and successful in February but could not be completed then because of time limitations, so the rest of it will be held at the April meeting. Visitors welcome.

1960 STAMP PROGRAM

May 18 — American Credo. Thomas Jefferson, Charlottesville, Va. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).

May 28 — 2½c stamped envelope, Chicago, Ill.

May 31 — SEATO 4c Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, Washington, D. C. (70 per pane, 120,000,000).

June 2 — American Woman 4c, Washington, D. C. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).

June 10 — Airmail Regular 10c, Miami, Fla. (50 per pane).

June 17 — 1½c regular and 1½c coil, Santa Fe, N. M.

June 25 — 1½c stamped envelope, Birmingham, Ala.

— Boys' Clubs of America (120,000,000).

July 4 — 50-Star Flag 4c, Honolulu, Hawaii. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).

July 19 — Pony Express 4c, Sacramento, Calif. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).

July 19 — Pony Express 4c envelope, St. Joseph, Mo.

Aug. 28 — Employ the Physically Handicapped, New York, N. Y.

Aug. 29 — Fifth World Forestry Congress, Seattle, Wash.

Sept. 14 — American Credo, Francis Scott Key, Baltimore, Md.

Nov. 1 — Camp Fire Girls Golden Jubilee 4c, New York, N. Y. (120,000,000).

Nov. 25 — Andrew Carnegie 4c, New York, N. Y.

Nov. — American Credo, Abraham Lincoln.

Jan. 1961 — American Credo, Patrick Henry, Richmond, Va.

ALREADY ISSUED

1139 — George Washington Credo 4c, Mt. Vernon, Va., January 20.

1145 — Boy Scouts Golden Jubilee 4c, Washington, D. C. February 8.

1146 Winter Olympic Games 4c, Tahoe City, Calif. February 18.

1147-48 — Masaryk "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C. March 7.

1140 — Benjamin Franklin Credo, Philadelphia, Pa., March 31.

1149 — World Refugee Year 4c, Washington, D. C., April 7.

1150 — Water Conservation 4c, Washington, D. C., April 18.

C59 — Airmail regular 25c, San Calif., April 22.

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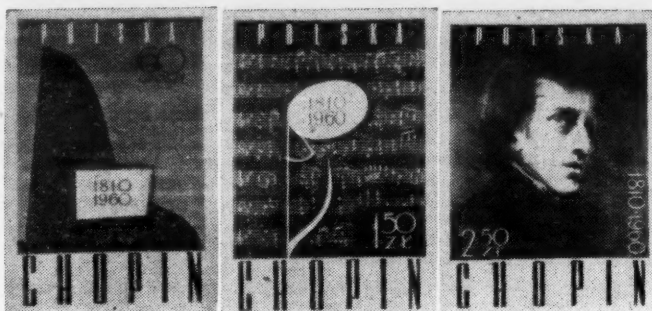
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1960—Chopin's Year

Roman H. Strzelecki

The strains of nocturnes and mazurkas sound around Zelazowa Wola near Warsaw... the sounds flow along the paths of the beautifully kept park with its variety of trees, flowers and bushes... the enchanted listeners look for lovely places in the park full of romantic atmosphere. These sounds of nocturnes and mazurkas remind everyone of the wonder boy, a great talent, who was born in the heart of Poland 150 years ago, February 22, 1810.

Till this day, in the middle of Zelazowa Wola's beautiful park, a small vine-clad country house stands, filled with memories of the times of Chopin's early childhood. Down through the years this little country house, its surroundings and the music of Chopin have become the enjoyment of the people of Poland as well as other nations. The Chopin contests and festivals held in Poland recently, reminded the musical world of the great genius whose name has become a legend.

Frederic Francois Chopin was born at Zelazowa Wola, as the second child of Justyna nee Krzyzanowska and Mikolaj Chopin. At the age of four he began the study of piano, and at the age of eight his unusual talent was displayed at a private concert in Warsaw. He continued in this field, studying harmony and counterpoint at the Warsaw Conservatory.

He was precocious also as a composer, and his first composition was published in 1825. By 1829 he was well-known in cultural circles and gave a concert as a piano virtuoso in Vienna. From 1831 he lived in Paris, where he became noted as a pianist, teacher and composer. He played many concerts in Vienna, Paris, Scotland, and England.

Chopin is generally considered as the greatest of all composers of solo piano music. His compositions include etudes, impromptus, scherzos, nocturnes, ballades, preludes, and forms derived from dances, such as the waltz, polonaise and mazurka. His music, romantic in nature, is very characteristic in originality, harmony, rhythm, and great poetic beauty. All these exerted great influence on other composers such as Franz Liszt, Richard Wagner and Claude Debussy.

It is known today that Chopin's 206 published compositions include 55 mazurkas, 27 etudes, 24 preludes, 19 nocturnes, and 13 polonaises. Among his compositions in larger forms are the "Concerto in E Minor" and "Concerto in F Minor" both for piano and orchestra, and the "Sonata in B-Flat Minor" containing the "Funeral March" that is known the world over.

Philatelically, Poland has paid tribute to Chopin many times by issuing postage stamps with his likeness, honoring anniversaries, his fame and cultural contributions.

The year 1960 marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of this great composer. Many cultural events have been taking place paying homage to Chopin. Poland's postal authorities commemorated this 150th anniversary by issuing a set of three stamps. The 60 groszy shows a grand piano and the dates 1810-1960, the 1.50 Zloty depicts a sheet of music, and the 2.50Zl. bears a portrait of Frederic Chopin. The stamps were designed by Stefan Malecki and printed by the State Government Printing Office (P.W.P.W.) at Warsaw.

Poland was not the only country to honor its genius with postage stamps. Czechoslovakia, Hungary and France also paid tribute to the great composer and his enchanted and immortal music by issuing suitable commemoratives in tribute to him.

June 25 Envelope FD At Birmingham Show

The growing Southern stamp exhibition convention, the "DIXIEPEX" series, sponsored jointly by the regional Dixie Stamp Collectors, and affiliated local clubs, has been granted a "First Day Of Issue", by the Post Office Department. During its month long exhibition starting June 1, the official first day of the new 1 1/4c envelope will be held on June 25.

This year's exhibition and convention will add another "first" to its growing stature. It will be the first such event in Birmingham in its near-100-year history.

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Paderewski And Pittsburgh-- Smoky City Played Big Part In Political Rise Of Polish Hero

Joseph A. Borkowski

When Ignacy Jan Paderewski the famous Polish pianist and statesman played his first Pittsburgh piano concert on April 22, 1893 at the Old City Hall, little did he realize that 25 years later, Pittsburgh was to play a decisive role in establishing him as one of the world's great freedom fighters and statesmen.

Despite the fact that there was little publicity given to his scheduled concert in 1893, the recital drew an overflowing throng of 2000 of Pittsburgh's elite.

The music critics variously essayed their respective impressions. One attributed his popularity to the pianist's personality and others to the "great Poet of the Pianoforte". It is of special interest to note Paderewski's physical appearance as described by contemporary writers as being tall and slender, and "carrying himself gracefully... his head being crowned with a chrysanthemum shaped mass of reddish blonde hair that encircles his features and sheds a quasi-halo over his pale countenance."



Another observed that "his hair would mark him in any gathering but were it not for his red gold cloud which stands out and makes him a conspicuous object for attention he could appear to be a slender rather fragile young man."

In his subsequent Pittsburgh appearance, December 14, 1895 at Carnegie Hall, he was accepted by the music critics as the master of the piano and as an outstanding composer. His "Fantasie Polonoise" for pianoforte and orchestra was enthusiastically acclaimed as being music that touched hearts, for the keys when touched "yielded the sound of the people."

In another interview it was stated that Beethoven's One Hundred Eleventh Sonata was his favorite composition and that Paderewski planned "to leave the piano stage as a public performer as soon AS HE CAN AFFORD TO DO SO." That time never came.

When Paderewski appeared at the Carnegie Music Hall January 16, 1900, his virtuosity was accepted as a matter of accomplished fact being a "delicious morsel of the winter musical menu."

Height Of Success—It was in 1902, however, that he was to reach the pinnacle of musical acclaim. Of particular significance is a reviewer's description of him as being "pale and interesting, his chrysanthemum locks more closely cropped, but with the same magic power in his slim white fingers" when heard at Carnegie Music Hall.

The newspaper accounts also noted the fact that it was the first time he had arrived in Pittsburgh in his private car "Rambler" for his concert. He drew a capacity audience and the critics were unanimous in stating that he was "a Master of the instrument (piano) and proud to be its master."

He was the first performer who really excelled to make a reputation as a composer. Of special significance were these pertinent remarks about the visiting artist's person.

Paderewski was "a nervous organization and not that sort of a man who would want to associate with for a long time. The little annoyances of life aggravate him because they are larger to him than anyone else. A whisper will disturb him."

"Yet with all his nervous temperament, Paderewski is not a delicate man physically. There is something firm and forcible about him which is revealed in his hearty handshake."

"From his vigorous grasp one gets an idea of the powerful muscular development of his fingers. As falling snowflakes they can on an occasion rain thunderous blows upon the ivories so that the strongest pianos are not safe from the wreckage." The writer aptly added that a reserve piano is always at hand at the recitals.

Loved Pittsburgh and its Audiences—When asked what he thought of the Pittsburgh and its audiences, Paderewski stated in the following words, "I like them very much. I find the Pittsburgh audience appreciative. It is a city where art is appreciated."

The same interviewer added that

Paderewski spoke perfect English and was master of six other languages. Of his talents as a musician he further stated that Paderewski's remarkable memory aids him in learning his music, that few men can approach him in the matter of technical memory.

"He knows so many difficult works that he can give a baker's dozen of two-hour programs without repeating a single number or referring to a note," the reporter added.

Billed as World's Greatest—The scheduled concert of December 16, 1913 was advertised as a piano performance and recital by the "World's Greatest Pianist". That he justified this billing and connotation was the fact that not only the audiences greeted him with unprecedented enthusiasm but the critics especially in Pittsburgh referred to him as the Paderewski of old "with his mingled self-control and ardor in his largeness of imagination and revelations in the wonderful multicolored beauty and warmth of tone."

Leader and Fighter for Freedom—With the outbreak of World War I in 1914 Paderewski devoted all of his energies toward raising relief funds for Polish refugees. As the conflict progressed he also realized

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that if there was to be a free and independent Poland and if it was to receive world's recognition again as a nation, a concentrated military movement towards that end was of paramount need.

Practically all factions advocating Polish nationalism agreed that Paderewski was the only man who could unite all the warring parties. Consequently when the Polish Falcons and representatives of all Polish organizations in the United States held a convention in Pittsburgh April 1-4, 1917 at the Polish Falcons Hall on South 18th St., there was unanimity of opinion of need of leadership that would have contact with the world powers and especially with the United States.

Paderewski's Appeal—The appeal went out to Paderewski to take the leadership of Poles here and abroad. Upon receiving the formal invitation he responded to the call and on April 3 appeared before the jammed Falcon auditorium. The enthusiasm was unprecedented as he mounted the rostrum to speak.

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April 28 Auction On Lower Bucks Schedule

The Lower Bucks Stamp Club will feature an auction at its next meeting, 8 p.m. April 28 at the home of president Francis Greisser, 4616 Grandview Ave., Belmont Hills, Pa. This is an active group in the northeast Philadelphia suburban area and visitors are always welcome. Mrs. Virginia Brautlecht, 517 E. Lincoln Hwy., Langhorne, Pa. is the group's secretary-treasurer.

Stuebenville Panhandle Club Meets May 1 At "Y"

The Panhandle Stamp Club of Stuebenville, Ohio meets on first Sunday afternoons at the YMCA, with the latchstring always out to area and passing stampers. Recently elected officers for 1960 are Willard Huff, Toronto, Ohio, president; Emerson S. Baldwin, vice president; and Mrs. Harold Burns, secretary-treasurer. Junior president is Phillip Cayford.

PADEREWSKI - PITTSBURGH (Continued from page 8)

To the assembled Polish Falcons he spoke to the effect that if Poland was to be freed it would not be because of politicians but only by a fighting sword. He added, "I have fullest confidence in the United States because of the people's constant belief in ideals, and faith in the future. Especially I am depending with fullest trust in President Woodrow Wilson whom I regard as the greatest living mortal among men."

"Again I assert I have placed my implicit trust in him. As I address you there exists a state of war between United States and Germany although no formal declaration has been made. In a few days you will be called to the Armed Forces."

"Obviously your identity will be obliterated in the same manner as your brothers and sons are unknown in the European armies, despite the fact that there are two and half



2000 CZECHOSLOVAKIANS CONVERGED on Miami, Fla. March 13 to celebrate the 110th birth anniversary of Thomas G. Masaryk. They had participated in the Washington first day ceremonies March 7 of the newest "Champion of Liberty" stamp. Guests of honor with Miami Postmaster Eugene M. Dunlap (second from left) were the two daughters of President Masaryk, Olga (left) and Dr. Alice Masaryk. Steve Nemitz, president of the Miami Czech group, is at the right.

million fighting in the European front. Therefore I call upon you now to form an army of Kosciuszko to fight beside the American forces.

"With your permission I will take this opportunity to make a motion that the Polish Falcons of America offer to President Wilson 100,000 men to serve in the United States forces and to be known as the Kosciuszko Army. I do not know if the offer will be accepted but this will be a proud moment in the Polish Falcons History."

That President Woodrow Wilson accepted the offer with fullest appreciation and gratitude was a known fact and all the more that the Polish Falcons were ready to fight with the American forces.

However, because Czarist Russia was still our ally any attempts to accept such an organized Polish Nationalistic armed body was viewed as inimical to a good diplomatic relationship with Russia, and the offer was held in abeyance.

It was not until after the abolishment of the Czarist government that President Woodrow Wilson on October 8, 1917 gave a formal consent for recruitment of the Polish armed forces in the United States. The formation of the Polish Army, an idea conceived in Pittsburgh, was the chief factor which led Paderewski to represent newly created Poland at the signing of the Versailles Treaty and to become the first

Prime Minister of Poland and its President.

Paderewski Returns—It was not until December 12, 1923 that Paderewski returned to Pittsburgh, this time as a concert pianist to delight his large audience at Syria Mosque. Accordingly, despite his many years of absence from the concert stage, Paderewski was received with enthusiasm such as has not been heard for some time.

Last Concert and Triumph—When Paderewski visited Pittsburgh for his May 5, 1939 concert he definitely was a changed man as time had ruthlessly dealt with his countenance. He no longer was a quick-moving individual but appeared rather pallid and feeble.

While preparing for his evening concert at Syria Mosque he was also invited to dedicate the Polish Room at the University of Pittsburgh. Upon his physician's advice to conserve his fast dwindling energies he reluctantly declined.

He did, however, forward this message to the University student body, that he "hoped the youth may become immune in time against the sordid fumes of propaganda so that the younger generation will continue to develop high standards of morality and idealism."

He also added in part: "In a deplorable epoch of materialism and of glorification of brutal force into which lately a large part of the so-called civilized world has been dragged by unscrupulous leaders in an epoch which builds altars for low instincts of domination by force of suppression of liberty and democracy, the only possible reaction and salvation is deemed to come from the younger generation."

"I believe in the final triumph of what is of God in our immortal souls. With His help out of the present turmoil will emerge a new and better world, a new and better mankind."

As a part of the formal dedication of the Polish Room, he named his secretary Sylvia Strakacz and Col. Teofil Starzynski, president of Polish Falcons, to present the manuscript of his only opera "MANRU" to the University of Pittsburgh.

Chancellor Bowman also revealed at the Polish room exercises that Paderewski was offered a faculty assignment in 1937 which he had most reluctantly declined.

At Syria Mosque he scored a personal triumph before the overcrowded audience of 4500 who gave him unprecedented homage. Added one music critic, "Never in the memory of this reviewer has a similar scene been enacted at a recital."

At the conclusion of the recital Paderewski responded to the audience's enthusiasm by returning wearily, shuffling across the stage to the piano to give his solitary encore, the C Sharp minor Valse of Chopin. His once red hair was thinned to a white halo high on his brow; his face pallid as ivory, as he bowed stiffly.

Before departing in his private car to Columbus, Ohio he was also interviewed as to his reaction concerning Minister Beck's stand in refusing to accede to Hitler's demands to surrender the Danzig territory.

Paderewski without hesitation stated, "I am grateful to Col. Beck for giving me for the first time since his ascension to the high post, the opportunity to assure him that the present attitude on the Polish foreign policy is essentially the same which myself, my dear friends in Poland and abroad, and entire Polish nation have for long time wished and expected to share and express."

On June 27, 1941 while returning from speaking at a Polish Army Veterans gathering at Oak Ridge, N. J., Paderewski took ill and subsequently died on the 29th. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington Cemetery. Eventually, when the political situation becomes more favorable, he will be reinterred in Poland.

In June 1919, on the occasion of the opening of the First National Assembly of Poland, the Polish Government showed his portrait on a 15 groszy brown red stamp, Scott's No. 134. Thus did Poland philatelically honor her statesman, Prime Minister Ignacy Jan Paderewski, who was greatly responsible for her restoration.

EUROPE FAR EAST TOPICS

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Paderewski Autograph Rarely Found On Stamps; Two Blocks, A Few Singles Known To Exist

Roman H. Strzelecki

The Polonus Philatelic Society at its 1960 POLPEX stamp exhibition was fortunate in being able to show visitors the world famous Ignacy Jan Paderewski block of four (Scott's Poland No. 134), autographed by the well-known pianist.

Much research was made to locate any other possible copies, but so far it is known that only two such blocks of four, autographed by Paderewski, are in existence. One was originally autographed by Theodore E. Steinway, the internationally known pianist and president of the Steinway Piano Co. in New York. The other was autographed by Paul W. Savage, one-time chief photographer for the Worcester, Mass. "Telegram".

There are a few single autographed stamps on and off cover, but there are only two blocks of four. Both items are most unusual pieces as philatelic and historical items. They were autographed here in the states by the world known pianist who conquered many hearts here.

On one of many occasions when Paderewski visited the Steinway Hall of Pianos on W. 57th St., New York, to choose a grand piano for an important concert, the firm's president Mr. Steinway, approached him with a request of autographing a block of four Poland stamps with Paderewski's likeness.

Mr. Steinway was then known as an active philatelist, and Paderewski could not deny such a little favor to a friend. Little did he realize at the time that this item would come to be desired by many collectors of Poland stamps as well as topical collectors of music!

Mr. Steinway supposedly asked the virtuoso, after he signed the block with his golden pen, not to autograph any more such blocks. He wanted this block to become a rarity which he could exhibit at national and international shows claiming it to be the only one ever autographed.

This item remained in his thematic collection "Music in Philately" until the Steinway collection came up for auction. Here another philatelist and great Paderewski admirer purchased the unusual item. Paul Taubman, Music Director of the National Broadcasting Co. (NBC) and himself a noted musician and philatelist, acquired the block.

It was through the courtesy of Mr. Taubman that the Polonus Philatelic Society showed it at POLPEX 1960. The block was displayed among many other mementos of the well-known pianist. The exhibition was held at the Polish Roman Catholic Union Museum in Chicago which houses the latest collection of Paderewski's personal belongings in the world.

The other autographed block of four of the famous Scott's Poland No. 134 had a different story connected with it. The existence of the first block in the Steinway collection was well-known among philatelists in the United States, and another philatelist got an idea that he would get such a block autographed.

Paul W. Savage, a photographer for the Worcester Telegram, was assigned to secure several pictures of Paderewski. This was at the time of Paderewski's last tour when he played at the Mechanic's Hall in Worcester, Mass.

Mr. Savage had with him a block of four but did not succeed in getting an autograph. The great pianist was not in the best of moods. But here Mr. Savage struck a little luck.

A friend of his, Eldon Joubert, who was associated with Paderewski, offered to approach the maestro at a later date. Thus, a few months later, Mr. Joubert secured the autograph—and another such

block was born. Mr. Steinway learned of the second block but never complained to Paderewski.

After a few years, the same Paderewski admirer, Mr. Taubman, acquired this second block at a Harmer auction last December 3, so in his desire to promote enthusiasm in the culture of music, he presented one of the two rare blocks to Mayor R. F. Wagner of New York City.

This ceremony took place February 1 in the reception room at the City Hall, and Mayor Wagner in turn presented the block to the High School of Music and Art for permanent display at the school. No

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The Case For And
Against "Original Gum"

Col. Otto H. Schrader

As a forword to this article, I wish to clarify the usual terminology. I use the word "gum" to mean the adhesive applied to stamps when manufactured. The composition of this adhesive is varied.

In this article the word "gum" means an adhesive which is wholly vegetable and the word "glue" refers to one which is of animal origin, or a mixture of animal and vegetable material.

I am not sure that this classification will meet with the approval of adhesive experts, but for my purpose the distinction is clear. Now, the case:

In my opinion, there are few tendencies in present day philately more detrimental to our hobby than the craze for original gum, or "O.G." I realize fully that it is a most controversial question. There are plenty of adherents to both sides of it, and the last word on the subject cannot be said.

I have been collecting for over 60 years and, as a result of my personal experience, my views have crystallized and I feel the urge to state them so that others may also study the merits of this question. I do not expect the gum fanatics to agree with me, but I have a hope that I may gain a few converts to my way of thinking.

In reading present day advertising articles, auction catalogs and other stamp descriptions, one is struck by the phrases, "O.G.", "Never been hinged", "Lightly hinged" or "Heavily hinged", "Part O.G.", and "Unused, no gum".

It is honest advertising but, as an index of real value, I should say "No". Prices for the same stamp scale downward in the same order as the descriptions given above. Let us examine the case on both sides and try to come to a logical conclusion.

For O.G. the only argument I ever heard is: "Such a stamp is as issued by the government." This is a fact. All I can say is "I agree" and "Amen!" Since I never heard any other reason for O.G., its case must rest.

During my many years in the Army, I was ordered to the Canal Zone for duty and took my collection along. Three months after arrival, I opened my albums and found every stamp with gum hopelessly stuck to the page on which it was mounted.

This one experience alone cured me of any lingering fondness for gum. My experience in Hawaii was similar, but to a lesser degree.

What are the arguments against gum? Some are positive and some are negative. Let us examine them:

1) Gum does not enhance the beauty of a stamp. Fact: Gum does not show, no matter how the stamp is mounted.

2) Gum is a liability at all times as the stamp may stick. Fact: While most stamps are stored under conditions which preclude sticking, it is always a possibility.

3) Nearly all stamps are mounted with hinges so that a "Never been hinged" stamp loses some of its fictitious value when so treated. Fact: That some collectors do not mount with hinges does not alter this statement.

4) When mounted in pockets, pouches or tubes to preserve the gum, there are nearly always one, two, or three thicknesses of cellophane or kodapak over the stamp which causes shine. This detracts from its beauty and naturalness, as anything over a stamp cuts off light perceptibly. Fact: Some exhibition rules disqualify such mounts.

5) Some gums or glues under certain conditions "strike through". Fact: This means that the gum penetrates the fibers of the paper, causing permanent changes in paper color, paper life and texture.

6) Gums may cause stamps to curl. This is due to the fact that the coefficient of expansion or contraction of the layer of gum is not the same as that of the paper to which it is applied, hence in temperature and humidity changes, curling occurs. Remember some of the early Austrian and Japanese and Korean stamps where glue was used. This alone may result in creased stamps.

7) Gum cracks. Under certain conditions of age and extreme dryness gum becomes exceedingly brittle (as brittle as glass) and in bending and handling such stamps, particularly large blocks, they may break cleanly into pieces. This happened to me with a half-sheet of Spanish American War Revenues.

8) Fungus or mold. A layer of gum is an excellent culture medium for molds, fungus and bacteria. It is well-known that some fungi during their life span manufacture dyes which may permanently discolor and spoil stamps. Fact: I have seen such stamps in the tropics.

9) Vermin. Gums used on stamps are always of animal (old) or vegetable (new) origin. This makes a delectable dish for vermin, notably bookworms, silver fish and cockroaches.

While in Panama, quite a few of my mint stamps were eaten around the edges and hopelessly spoiled by silver fish. Well-washed, used stamps were immune. Fact: Those which I had stored in the warehouse were, in some cases, almost completely eaten by cockroaches.

I realize that Mr. Average Collector's stamps are, in the main, stored under conditions which preclude most of the damage staged, but a knowledge of what "might happen" will be of value to him. We do not know yet what permanent damage has been done to many old European collections due to "War-time storage and safekeeping abroad".

10) I have said nothing of possible chemical effects. While I assume, for purposes of argument, that an attempt is made nowadays to have all gums chemically neutral, i.e., neither acid nor alkaline, nearly all organic products readily acquire an acid or basic property which may be detrimental to color, life or appearance.

Opinion: My undamaged stamps, which I had to wash clean after the Panama episode, to my mind look better than later acquisitions with gum. (This is my best argument).

As I see it, the case against O.G. is complete and convincing. The only question now is resale value. Anent the craze for O.G., someone recently said that collectors pay over \$100 or perhaps even \$1000 per ounce for the gum used on stamps. I have never tried to verify this but, no matter how small the figure, it is not worth it.

My readers may well ask the question, "Do you wash all the gum off your mint stamps?" To be frank, I must answer, "No, I do not." I prefer them without gum, and if all collectors would wash off gum I would do so, too.

My reasons for not washing my stamps are purely mercenary. I am becoming old, soon my stamps may be sold and I want my heirs to obtain all they can for them. I could wish I were not so mercenary.

As a final thought, I will add that if O.G. were no longer stressed as it is today, it would be better for our hobby. And if we washed our stamps clean of gum it would be better for our treasures themselves—"Our Stamps". They would have longer life, look better and, as far as possible, be freed from the hazards which I have enumerated.

Method of Removal

Gum—A gum of vegetable origin is usually completely soluble in warm water. Such stamps should be dried with clean blotters and then pressed to prevent some curling.

Glues—In general, these are not completely soluble in water but merely soften. Washing in running water will help, but in some cases it is necessary to turn the stamp face down and scrape off the glue with a dull knife.

Where this does not succeed, a suggestion was made in the philatelic press to dissolve some "diastase" in water and immerse the stamps. This I believe does not dissolve the glue but digests it.

Neither method is recommended with stamps that are chalky or printed with ink that is not waterproof. The risk, if any, in this procedure is, of course, the owner's. He is at liberty to do as he pleases.

My Conclusion is that I infinitely prefer stamps without gum.

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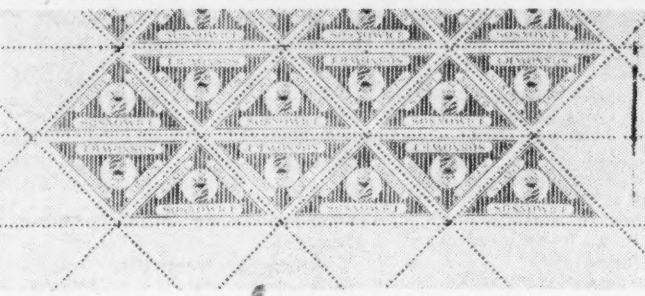
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Marcel Koseve

The Handbook "POLSKIE ZNAKI POCZTOWE" (popularly known as "IKAROS") published in Bialystok, Poland in 1935 under the editorship of Prof. A. Laskiewicz, contains a full description of the functions of this municipal post office, the issues of these local stamps and the cancellations in use.

Being in possession of a large accumulation and extensive collection of stamps of this local issue, I should like to share my findings and knowledge with others interested, in this phase of our philately before it is broken-up and disposed of. For this reason I am writing of only the information that to my knowledge has never been published before.

All issues of the Sosnowiec Locals are perforated 11½. However, incorrect settings of the perforating comb and improper laying out of the paper, have caused numerous variations in the perforation.

Complete sheets of the first and second issue contain five horizontal rows of ten stamps each. Without the margins, they measure 235 x 138.5mm, and with the margins 285 x 226mm. However, I have found sheets cut much closer, as much as 3mm. Inasmuch as the sheets of paper are of the same measurements, the setting of the cliché in the sheets of paper varies thus producing larger or smaller margins.

In both issues the upper margin of the sheet shows a horizontal smudge of the edge of the lithographic plate in the basic color of the stamp. The second issue carries an additional unbroken line in the color of the vertical strip, with which this issue is overprinted.



The basic measurements of the stamps are 23½ x 27½mm. As mentioned before, due to improper settings of the perforations, the second issue, especially, occurs off-center. In some instances, the upper row of stamps measures 30mm instead of 27½mm. The centering is so bad in some sheets that the perforations cut into the stamps either at the top or at the bottom. Also, the distribution of the ink was not even, thus causing lighter and darker areas on the same sheet.

Characteristics of the stamps of the first issue: 3 Kop light blue—All stamps of the sheet have a colored circle around the numeral "3" at the bottom, and at the top the circle is thinner or even broken at the top left corner.

Position 8 of the sheet—the stamp has a small white spot over the top left bracket of the word "KOP".

Position 32—the colored circle of the right bottom numeral "3" is broken twice on the right-hand side.

Position 31 through 40—i.e., the whole fourth row of stamps, show a white dot in the German word "STADT" in the second letter "T", on the left.

Position 38—the colored circle of the upper right numeral "3" is broken in two places on the right side.

10 Kop Violet Red—All stamps of the sheet show the lower right numerals "10" slightly different from all others and especially on the numeral "1" the upper serif is turned towards the top.

Position 6—One of the pearls forming the outside circle of the figure "10" is missing in the top right "10".

Position 7—A white dot just below the letter "T" of the word "STADT", also a similar dot at the top between the left numerals "10" and the word "KOP".

"10" broken at the top right side.

Position 37—The colored circle of the lower right numerals "10" broken on the left side.

Position 41—A light, white diagonal line in the horizontally lined field of the coat of arms (at the left) which runs from the letter "S" in the word "SOSNOWICE" all the way to the end of the design and the left side of the word "KOP".

Position 45—a colored dot on the left side of "1" in the circle of the upper right numerals "10".

Position 48—Two small colored dots to the left of the "1" in the circle of the upper right numerals "10".

Position 50—The numeral "0" of the lower left numerals "10" has a small white pearl on the right side.

The Second Issue: 3 Kop rose with a vertical green bar—All stamps of the sheet have a colored circle around the numeral "3" at the bottom, and at the top the circle is thinner or even broken in the top left corner.

Due to poor quality of the printing ink and uneven distribution or flow of it, some sheets are spotted with the basic rose ink which smudges the background or even the margins between the stamps giving them the effect of printers' waste.

Position 2—The background of the (Continued on page 13)

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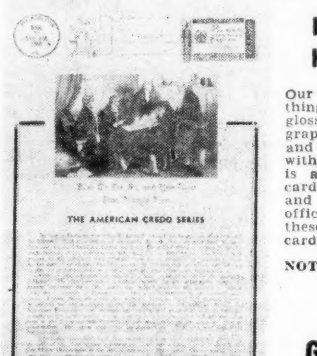
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The General Directorate of PTT of Switzerland has announced that the nation's current postage stamps of 3c to 2 francs value, of the Historical series of 1941 and the Engineering and Landscape series of 1949, are to be replaced. All values excepting only the 3c will be retained.

Further, a new 75c denomination has been included, mainly for the airmail rate on letters up to 5 grams to the United States and Canada. The current 3, 5 and 10fr. denominations "will presumably be replaced next year", according to the official announcement.

For the new 5, 10, 15, and 20c adhesives pictures with motifs from the history of Swiss mail transport have been selected—two foot messengers, a driver with pack mule, and a mounted messenger. The remaining values will depict famous Swiss architectural views. The first four mentioned, and the four franc values will be in horizontal format; the rest vertical.

Day of issue will be May 10. Stamps may be ordered mint or canceled to order, and a first day cancellation will be offered. A first day cover bearing only the first four values is priced at 20c U. S.; Folder No. 26 with the same four 30c; and Folder No. 27 with the 25c through 2fr. values at \$3. Folders may be had with the stamps either mint or canceled, but no provisions are announced for mail orders for first day covers bearing the 25c-2fr. values.

Orders with remittances by international money order, bank draft or certified check may be sent to Wertzeichenverkaufsstelle P T T, Bern 1 Annahme, Bern PTT Museum, Bern Switzerland.

The Swiss authorities explained that in order to achieve some uniformity in the design of the stamps the artists required a certain amount of freedom in the representation of their subjects. Moreover, it is desirable that the lettering and the value should appear at about the same place on all stamps.

In the interest of a well-balanced composition the designer therefore had to simplify his drawing in some instances, by leaving out or displacing details. The most important alteration resulted in the stamp picture of Bellinzona Cathedral (70c), where the steeple appears on the right-hand side, instead of on the left.

On the Schaffhausen picture (90c) the actual houses nestling at the foot of the Munot fortification are represented by a single row of buildings. A short description of the stamp pictures follows:

5c reddish blue—Cantonal messenger from Fribourg, 17th century. He wears the official messenger's coat of arms on his breast. In his right hand he carries a short pike painted in the cantonal colors and in his left a sealed letter.

10c blue green—Messenger of the Canton of Schwyz, 15th century. Garments: Doublet, hose and boots, felt hat. He wears a cloth around his neck and chin and before his mouth as a protection against the cold and infections.

In his right hand he carries a pike, in his left hand a spit bough with a letter of denunciation (a kind of declaration of war). The messenger's coat of arms on his breast is to guarantee his inviolability.

15c brown—Pack animal driver of the 17th century with his mule. These driver plied the passes of the Gotthard, the Grisons, and the Great St. Bernhard in those times.

20c crimson—Mounted postman of the early 19th century, after the quaint old seal of the post office of Altdorf, canton Uri.

25c green—The Cathedral of Lavannes, a distinguished example of

French church architecture, is the most remarkable church building of Western Switzerland. Its construction was begun in the 12th century.

In 1275 it was consecrated by the Pope and work continued on it until the Reformation. Since 1536 it has been the town's principal Protestant church, also serving for important civic manifestations.

30c vermilion—The Grossmunster in Zurich is essentially Romanesque in style. It was erected in the 12th and 13th centuries on the site of the old Carolingian collegiate church.

The towers at the western end were altered during the Gothic period. Their characteristic helmets are a relatively late addition, dating from the year 1787 only. The Grossmunster, where the reformer Zwingli started to teach in 1519, was the center for the Zurich reformation.

35c orange brown—The Guildhall of the Woodcutters in Bienne was built, in late Gothic style, in the latter half of the 16th century. It boasts, as a distinctive ornament, a Gothic oriel extending over several stories, topped by a bulb-shaped, baroque helmet.

40c violet—The Cathedral of St. Pierre in Geneva is essentially a building in Gothic style of the 13th and 14th centuries, with some parts going back to the Romanesque period.

Various parts were added at a later date, such as the Maccabees Chapel appearing to the right of the picture (around 1410) and the Corinthian-style portico (1752/56). Originally the cathedral of the Bishop of Geneva, it has been the principal Protestant church of Geneva since 1534. Beza and Calvin preached there.

50c ultramarine—The Spalentor in Basel, an old city gate, is besides the cathedral, the most characteristic landmark of the town. The structure in red sandstone, with a roof of colored tiles, was erected about 1400 and completed and adorned with valuable sculptures in subsequent years.

60c red—The Zeitglockenturm (Clock Tower) in Bern formed the westernmost termination of the old town of 1191; as a result of several city extensions it came to be situated in its center, but was nevertheless preserved, and adorned with an astronomical clock in 1530.

70c Orange—The Collegiata SS. Pietro E Stefano in Bellinzona has an imposing facade above its wide flight of stairs. The construction of the church was begun in the 15th century.

Early Renaissance and baroque elements combine to form a most pleasing artistic whole. The picture shows a free composition of the facade and the steeple.

75c greenish blue—The Kapellbruche and the Wasserturm in Lucerne form an impressive group of old structures in the Reuss river.

The mighty, octagonal tower with its wooden gallery dates from the 14th century, and so does the roofed wooden bridge, whose present appearance with its rich decoration of

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Miami-Sao Paulo Jet Service On April 27

Braniff International Airways will begin jet service from Miami to Sao Paulo, Brazil, on or about April 27. Official cachets will be authorized and philatelic treatment will be provided.

Patrons desiring to send covers should prepare them in the usual manner, address them to the person who is to receive them in Brazil, the United States or Canada and prepay them at 10c per half-ounce. The 10c air-letter sheet will also be accepted. Covers should be enclosed in another envelope addressed as follows:

For dispatch from Airport Mail Facility, International Airport, Miami, Fla., send covers to the superintendent, Airport Mail Facility, International Airport, Miami, Fla.

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Fair Lawn Club's Next Meeting Due April 26

The Fair Lawn Stamp Club meets at the Municipal Bldg., 11th St. and Gardiner Rd., Fair Lawn, N. J. at 8 p.m. on second and fourth Tuesdays.

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TPA Houston Show Will Include Auction

Rapidly developing plans for the Texas Philatelic Assn. convention at Houston's Rice Hotel May 13-15 have been expanded to include an auction, according to general chairman J. Stuart Boyles.

Collectors interested in entering material in the sale may write Rodney Charlton, 3121 Byron, Houston 5, Texas for details.

Recently elected officers of the Houston Philatelic Society, host of the convention, are Allen M. Banks, president; Clyde O'Dell, vice president; and A. J. Pohlman, secretary-treasurer. Further information about the society and its activities is available from Mrs. E. W. Viehl, 815 Rouse, Houston 20, Texas.

May 14-15 Black Hills Show In Auditorium

The second annual exhibition of the Black Hills Stamp Club will be held May 14-15 at the City Auditorium, Black Hills, S. D. It will include exhibits by members, movies of the St. Lawrence Seaway stamp and other appropriate subjects, and other features.

A bourse will be conducted, and several auctions be held. The usual awards will be up for competition, with special honors for the "most unusual" and "most popular" presentations. Cacheted covers may be ordered at 10c each from the Cachet Committee, 227 E. Flormann, Rapid City, S. D.

Last year the club serviced cacheted first day covers for the Soil Conservation stamp, and a few are still available. They are 15c each plus return postage.

NEW SWISS

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painting is largely the work of the 16th and 17th centuries.

80c violet brown—The twin-towered eastern facade of the Cathedral of St. Gall, a work of the architect J. M. Beer from the years 1761/69, shows the most elaborate design and the richest sculptured ornaments of the whole building.

Abbey church of the Benedictine monastery until 1805, famous since Carolingian times, this principal monument of late baroque architecture in Switzerland became the cathedral of the then newly created diocese of St. Gall.

90c greenish olive—The Munot Tower in Schaffhausen, a mighty, circular fortification on a steep hill covered with vines, once protected and to this day dominates the town nestling at its feet.

Erected in the years 1564-1584, it stands, with its huge casements and its wide platform, as a living monument of the most advanced art of fortification of its time. Today its platform is the scene of the gay and popular Munot festivities in summer.

1fr. yellow brown—The Townhall in Fribourg, in its present shape dating from the 16th and 17th centuries, is conspicuous by its huge roof, its picturesque covered outside staircase, and its elegant, octagonal stairway turret.

1.20fr. red brown—The Baseltor at Solothurn forms part of the great fortification works by which the town was surrounded in the first half of the 16th century, and which then were the last word in fortification engineering. The Gothic gate, with the statue of St. Ursus above, is flanked by two stone clad, round towers.

1.50fr. bluish green—Ital Reding's House in the Dorfbachstrasse, Schwyz, built around 1609, with numerous gables, turrets on the roof, and an oriel over the main entrance is one of the most picturesque and stately mansions of Central Switzerland, the seat of a family which has given the country many distinguished public servants and officers.

2fr. blue—Church facade of Einsiedeln (canton Schwyz). The Benedictine abbey with its shrine was already famous in the Middle Ages. The present vast structure in baroque style was built in the first half of the 18th century, the abbey church in its middle axis being erected under the supervision of the Einsiedeln lay brother Casper Moosbrugger from 1719 to 1735.

Polonus Salute To POLSKA '60

Myron E. Steczynski

In its 21 years of existence, Polonus Philatelic Society at its annual exhibits has celebrated many historical events, including the 90th anniversary of the first Polish stamp in 1950. This year, however, marks the centenary of this stamp which was known as "the lone adhesive" until the rebirth of Poland in 1918, because until then it was the only item cataloged under Poland.

After this date the complex history of Poland produced endless issues and varieties of philatelic material to make it one of the most extensive fields for a specialist.

The basic celebration in tribute to this stamp is being sponsored by the Polish Federation of Philatelists, which is conducting the big international exhibition "POLSKA '60" in Warsaw under the auspices of the International Philatelic Congress (FIP) September 3-11.

The annual stamp exhibition of the Polonus Philatelic Society, "POLPEX 1960", held at Chicago March 4-6 was but a preview to the big show in Warsaw, where many Polonus exhibits will be shown and where some of the members will go to join philatelists from all over the world.

In the words of FIP President Lucien Berthelot, "It is fitting that we should assemble in this beautiful country to assure our Polish friends of our feelings of fellowship, of our admiration for their glorious past and of our sincere good wishes for their future." Polonus joins these greetings most heartily.

The POLSKA '60 committee is sparing no effort to make its exhibition a worthy achievement and is concentrating on a vast presentation of the history, holdings and evolution of Poland's first stamp. Going along with the efforts of the Polish Federation of Philatelists, the POLPEX 1960 souvenir sheet featured a giant copy of Poland's No. 1, so that collectors could get a more vivid impression of the fine details that make up this classic stamp.

At POLPEX 1960 visitors viewed the greatest number of Poland number ones ever to be assembled. The outstanding collections of V. Rachmanoff of New York and Dr. L. P. Kozakiewicz of Chicago were shown. The No. 1 stamp was seen in blocks, imperforate, on cover, off cover, with cancellations, in just about all the possible varieties in which it exists. It will be a long time before another showing of this kind is possible, except at POLSKA.

Polonus is eagerly awaiting the big international exhibition at Warsaw. We are confident that this will be the greatest showing of Poland's stamps ever.

All-World Refugees FDC Set At Auction

In a plan approved by the High Commission for World Refugees in Geneva, the Eskay Stamp Co., Box 1 Flatbush Stn., Brooklyn 26, N.Y. is carrying out an unusual project to produce a neat gift for the UN World Refugee Commission's work.

The firm has sent special covers with remittances to every nation issuing World Refugee Year stamps, and when they are returned a complete matched set of first day covers will be selected for a special auction. The set is now being offered, with closing date of April 30 for receipt of bids.

The entire proceeds of the sale will be given to the UN fund, with the unusual set going, of course, to the highest bidder. A minimum bid of \$100 has been set, in view both of the unusual nature of the lot and of the purpose to which the money will be contributed.

"Stamp Identification" Topic At Pascack Meet

A "Seminar on Stamp Identification" will be held by the Pascack Stamp Club at its April 25 meeting at 8 p.m. in Fire House No. 2, North Hackensack, N. J.

Harold Geise of Hillsdale and Leonard H. Smith Jr. of River Edge are sharing this program. It promises to add to the knowledge of some of the club's less advanced collectors—and possibly even some of the veterans. The public is invited. Membership in the club is open to residents of Bergen County. Interested persons should contact the secretary, Mrs. L. H. Smith Jr., Box 6, River Edge, N. J. for details.

Hungarian Pair For 15 Years' Liberation

Two more propaganda commems were issued by Hungary April 4. They note the 15th anniversary of that nation's "liberation" and bear designs suitable to the theme.



The low value 40 filler is brownish ochre and purple, depicting in upright format the statue of Soviet Capt. Ostapenko who was killed in the outskirts of Budapest. The 60c. shows an enthusiastic young worker holding the national flag aloft in his left hand. The colors here are reddish brown, red and green.

The newcomers were photogravure printed on white unwatermarked paper. Quantities are listed in the official press release as 2,500,000 sets perforated and 15,000 sets imperforate.

City's Oil Industry Noted In Stamp Show

The 16th annual exhibition and bourse of the Albion Stamp Club will be held May 7 from 1 to 10 p.m. at the new National Guard Armory, 1023 N. Clark St., Albion, Mich. The theme this year is "Albion's Oil Industry".

The Petroleum Industry stamp will be featured on the annual souvenir card, and Albion's first oil well pictured on the cacheted souvenir envelope. The card is 15c and the cacheted envelope 10c from Marceline Edger, 409 Darrow St., Albion, Mich.

Among the topical displays will be "Oil Industry on Stamps", Scouts, Olympia, and Masonic showings. U.S., U.N. and many foreign countries will make up the balance of the 120-frame show. Admission is free; lunches will be available.

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Activities will include a large showing of philatelic material, a bourse, a special post office and cancellation, a cachet, and seals. Also on the list is a tour of Houston's newest bank with—naturally—the largest lobby in the country.

Theater parties and a style show will appeal to the non-philatelic visitors, while a boat trip down the San Jacinto River on the air-conditioned "Sam Houston" will be provided through the courtesy of the Port of Houston.

A well-designed cacheted cover showing an outline map of Texas with an oil derrick and star, all in sepia, is offered at 15c each, two for 25c, franked with the 1959 Oil stamp. The same design on 2 x 2 seals in yellow or blue is 5c per pair plus a stamped return envelope with each order.

Covers and seals may be obtained from Mrs. E. W. Viel, 815 Rouse, Houston 20, Texas. Closing date for show entries is April 25; exhibits must be received by May 9. Details from L. H. Williams, Box 8155, Houston 4, Texas.

Scout Topical Show
At Chicago May 7-8

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Polish Scout Assn. a special philatelic exhibition will be held May 7-8 at the Museum of the Polish Roman Catholic Union, 984-6 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

It will be comprised entirely of scout stamps of the world, and relative philatelic matter. Represented will be over 50 different countries from Australia to South Viet Nam.

There will be 120 frames with close to 900 album pages. Shown will be such rarities as the CGH Mafeking "B.P." stamps, the Siam Scout overprints on covers, the Czechoslovakian 1918 Scout Post items, and the Korean and Egyptian souvenir sheets.

Special sections will be devoted to Polish Scouts, the Polish Scout Assn., American Scout cacheted covers, and recent items in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America.

A special commemorative souvenir sheet, made up of four different adhesives depicting four important phases of the Polish Scout Movement, will be issued in connection with the event.

New Jersey School
Has Sesqui Postmark

A special slogan cancellation will be employed at Lawrenceville, N.J. throughout May to note the Lawrenceville School's 150th anniversary May 2.

The boys in the school stamp club have designed a rubber stamp cachet for the occasion. They are prepared to process any covers sent them before May 2, and will see that they bear the rubber stamp and also the first day cancellation. Their only request is that the covering envelopes bear commemorative stamps.

All covers should be properly addressed and franked at the first-class rate. They should contain stuffers, and have the flaps tucked in or sealed. Requests should be sent at once to Jordan C. Churchill, Box 274, Lawrenceville, N.J.

May 7 Date For Albion,
Mich. Stamp Exhibition

May 7 has been announced by the Albion Stamp Club as the date for its 16th annual exhibition and bourse. The show will be held 1-10 p.m. at the new National Guard Armory, 1023 N. Clark St., Albion, Mich.

There will be over 100 frames of U. S., foreign, covers and topical. The event is non-competitive, but ribbons will be given to those receiving the most votes from the public. Details from the secretary, Marceline Edger, 409 Darrow St., Albion, Mich.

Guatemala Red X
Hits Agency Deal

The Guatemala Red Cross Society has spoken out strongly against the recently publicized philatelic agency contract in which Guatemala has become involved, according to a front page article in the April issue of "El Imparcial", the nation's largest newspaper.

As translated by Kurt John Weiss of the Guatemala Philatelic Society, it proclaims under large headlines "Overprint on Stamps Reason of Protest by the Red Cross" that:

"Due to the disadvantage to the good name of our country and especially to that of the Red Cross the Advisory Board of Directors of the Guatemala Red Cross sent a petition to the President of the Republic to apply for a declaration from him about the issue that carries the symbol of the Red Cross to be overprinted and be used—in a SMALL PART—for the benefit of the World Refugees.

"It has been planned to sell this issue to a lucrative American Agency under a contract that is now under public discussion. The named issue has many irregularities and for this reason has been so bitterly criticised by philatelic circles in the country and in foreign lands.

"It is hoped that the petition of the Red Cross will be accepted and in case those before mentioned irregularities prove to be true, that this projected issue will not be placed on sale."

Additional information supplied by Mr. Weiss indicates that the project involved overprinting the Red Cross stamps (Scott Nos. C219-222) with a tribute to the World Refugee Year and surcharging them to six times original value.

In addition, the Guatemala Philatelic Society pointed out that the overprint would be applied by the linotype process, making possible ready duplication of a sort often difficult to detect. The basic stamps are still easily obtainable, the Society cautioned, and if the Refugee set is released, dealers and collectors should be on their guard against unauthorized overprintings.

April 30 Cachet Offer
By Crystal Lake Show

The Crystal Lake (Ill.) Stamp Club has announced that a cacheted cover bearing April 30 cancellation will be issued at the club's fifth annual exhibition and bourse on April 30 and May 1.

Covers will bear a water conservation theme and be franked with Water Conservation commems. They are 15c each from Joseph Dostrasil, Route 1, Crystal Lake, Ill.

Arrangements have been completed to display the valuable J. Witwer Rumsey coin collection under Pinkerton protection.



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Apr. 22—Rasdale Stamp Co., 505 E. Walker, St. Johns, Mich. Genl. U. S. and fgn.

Apr. 23—Mercury Stamp Co., 10 E. 40th St., New York 16, U. S. and foreign, stamps, covers, miscellaneous.

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Apr. 25-27—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th St., New York 36, U. S., incl. 19th and 20th centuries, m & u, commems, airmails, Columbians.

Apr. 28—Higgins & Gage, Inc., 28 N. Santa Anita, Pasadena 8, Calif. U. S., British Emp. and genl. fgn.

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Special Cancel And
Cachet At CENYPEX

The Post Office Department has authorized the use of a special slogan cancellation, and the setting up of a substation offering recent commemoratives, at the May 14-15 "CENYPEX" in Sidney, N. Y. This is the annual exhibition of the Federation of Central New York Philatelic Societies.

The event will be held at the Sidney Recreation Center, with the Tri-County Stamp Club as host. A large showing of stamps and related material is planned, and a special cachet has been prepared for the event.

This is offered in two colors, red and blue. They are 15c each, two for 25c, franked with the Flag stamp, from Catherine Boyd, Box 325, Sidney, N. Y.

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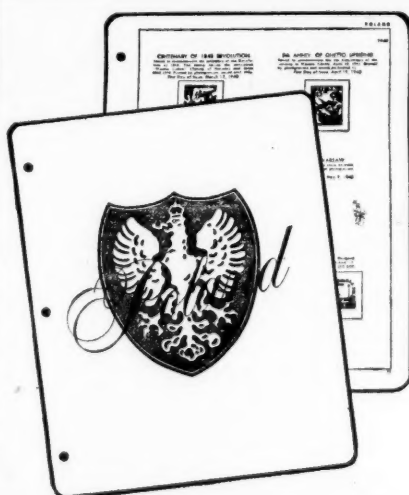
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326-1	.80	342-1	2.60	383-1/1	1.60
326-2	.80	342-2	2.60	384-1	1.60
326-3	.80	343-2	2.90	385-1/1	1.60
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326-5	.95	351-2	2.40	379-1/1	1.80
327-1	.95	352-1	1.75	C9-1	2.90
327-2	.95	352-2	2.40	C9-2	2.90
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Notes From The Italian Area

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On March 28, Italy suddenly added new "service" values to its regular series. The consist of a 1000 Lire airmail, four new parcel post denominations and three new authorized parcel delivery stamps.

The airmail is identical with that lately in use, but of slightly different shade, there being more orange in the red brown color. It is on somewhat thinner paper, and is watermarked stars instead of the old winged-wheel. Thus the last of the winged-wheel watermarks passes from use. Printing is in panes of 100 subjects, perforated 13 1/2.

The parcel posts are in denominations of 140L. brown red, 60L. violet, 280L. yellow, and 600L. olive. Printing is in panes of 60 subjects plus four "tabs"; perforation is 12 1/2 x 13 1/2.



The authorized delivery stamps are 50L. blue, 80L. brown and 110L. yellow. All are in panes of 60 plus four tabs, watermarked stars, and perforated in the same manner as the parcel posts.

Two new air-letter sheets went on sale April 5, also without advance publicity: a 60L. for European mail and a 110L. for "extra-European" use.

Short life for Refugees—The Refugee Year sets have, of course, been fully covered in the philatelic press. It is interesting to note, however, that the Vatican's issue will be in use only through June 30—an extraordinarily short life. There are six stamps with a total face value of 500L.

San Marino's Olympics issue is expected by the end of April or the beginning of May.

Worthy of Solomon! Reader Glen Wilmar, Jr., has written to suggest that Italy and Vatican should each issue a Michelangelo set, dividing the denominations between them. Here is a truly Solomonic solution for what is developing into something of a philatelic and political dispute in Italy!

Nor would it be at all unusual, for the two countries have issued many mutually complementary sets in the past, for Fra Angelico and Canova, to mention only two recent examples.

More Errors—One is continually amazed by the lax inspection system of the Italian Printing Works, as more and more varieties turn up. Thus, the Vatican's 60L. "Radio" stamp (printed in Italy) has been reported with the wording of "Poste Vaticane" so badly misplaced that it appears to be double-printed.

A similar variety is to be found on San Marino's 200L. Sicily Centenary stamp. Again, the 120L. "Bird" airmail comes imperforate at the bottom. It is questionable whether the government printing plant of any other major western European power permits so many such items to escape its printing inspectors.



The Suckling Babes—Now for some older stamps and their tie-ins with current events: Remember the Romulus and Remus designs of pre-war Italy (Scott types A90, A247, A242)? We mention them now because an Italian motion picture company is preparing to film the story of Italy's legendary founders.



Rumor has it, however, that, in the picture, a dog will double for the wolf that suckled the babes! Incidentally, if you want to read a literate and amusing novel of the founding of Rome and the parts played by Romulus and Remus, try "Children of the Wolf", by Alfred Duggan.

A Thousand Years is but a Sigh

SPECIAL EDITIONS

Various dealers might want to time some of their advertising to appear in conjunction with the special editions of Linn's Weekly Stamp News sponsored by different specialist groups. These editions are always the last one of each month and contain a splendid amount of information about the particular country or specialty.

The next four editions of a special nature are as follows:—

May 30 — National Philatelic Museum.

June 27 — Scouts On Stamps Society.

July 25 — American First Day Cover Society.

August 29 — Precancel Stamp Society.

Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

Clubs or societies agreeable to sponsoring a special edition can get the details on request.

New Greek Specialist Book Offered In U. S.

Review copies of J. C. Coutis' unusually fine work, "The Greek Post Offices and their Postmarks from 1861-1900", have reached Pierson Ostrow of Burlington, Vt. The book will be welcomed by every collector of Greek stamps.

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Midland "Y" Stamp And Coin Display May 2-3

A general showing of stamps, coins and related material will be held May 2-3 at the Midland YMCA Midland, Ont., Canada. Sponsorship is by the Midland Stamp Club, "Y" Leaders Fellowship Council and "Y" Program Department.

The affair will be open both dates from 7 to 10 p. m., with 25c admission for adults, 15c for youngsters. Prizes will be awarded, and speakers, discussions, auctions, and special events will be offered each evening.

Ghana Specialist At New York Israel Society

The Society of Israel Philatelists invites all collectors to its April 27 meeting at the Hotel Martinique, Broadway and 32nd St. New York, at 8:30 p. m.

Manfred Lehman of the Ghana Philatelic Agency will speak on Ghana Philately, emphasizing the Israel influence on philately of the new African nations. Information regarding the Society's services and free Journal can be obtained from Arthur Engers, 40-67 61st St., Woodside 77, N. Y.

Mid-May Hobby Display Booked At Warren, Ohio

The tenth annual hobby and antique show and sale will be staged May 14-15 at the Packard Music Hall, Warren, Ohio. The East Ohio Hobby Club will sponsor the affair which will include stamps, coins and many popular hobbies.

Hours will be noon to 10 p. m., with a 50c donation for adults; children with parents free. Door prizes will be supplied, and other attractions offered. Details from W. H. Jeffrey, 825 Kenmore SE, Warren, Ohio.

... and the Monte Cassino sets! Monte Cassino was founded in March of 960, which means that this is its millenary—in other words, the 1000th birthday of the venerable monastery, so often destroyed, so sedulously restored. It does not appear that stamps will note the event, probably because there have been two sets in the past (1929 and 1951) but it does seem rather a shame to have passed up such an occasion!

2 1/2c Envelope To Have FD At COMPEX

The new 2 1/2c embossed stamped envelope to complement the already issued 2 1/2c regular and coil stamps will be issued May 28. This will be the first day of the 1960 edition of COMPEX staged by the Combined Philatelic Exhibition of Chicagoland, Inc. A special cachet will be provided for the event.

The design by Samuel Ray will pay tribute to President Eisenhower's People to People program by incorporating the insignia of the globe and helping hand. Covers (including extra 1 1/2c stamp each) are 25c each, five for \$1.

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In a Barcelona Congress Exhibition salon filled with some of the world's most famous collectors, Don Luis August y Duran, chairman of the International jury announced the winners of the grand prizes offered at this largest of all stamp shows. Top winners were Eduardo Cohen of Lisbon for his collection of Romanian classics, M. Schatzkes of Paris for his Mexican, and Sr. Guerin for his Spanish issues.

American exhibitors did exceptionally well, considering the fact that local competition was keen. Louis Stich took top honors by winning a gold-and-silver medal for his Corrientes stamps, and a silver gilt for his Austrian. Edwin Mayer of New York took another silver gilt for his stampless covers of the United States.

Harold Dermody, Fred Kahn, Harry Heymans and Sam Singer all got special prizes of honor in addition to silver medals for the research and study their collections represented. Silver medals went to Mortimer Neinken, Sol Rozman, Fred Allen, and Sol Glass, the latter getting two of them.

Silver plated bronze medals went to Mr. Dermody, Henry Goodkind, Phil Silver, Chester Makowski, E. L. Willard, Sam Simon, Clayton Goodpastor, and George L. Lee. Bronze medals went to Michael Miller, Dr. L. Kler, Edward Skottowe, with honorable mention diplomas to Marion Parsons and Mr. Rozman.

The exhibit of Dr. James Matejka was placed in a special section devoted to "Philatelic Art" and given a special prize.

In the literature section Americans took top honors. Silver gilt medal diplomas went to The Collectors Club in the club magazine section, and to Linn's Weekly Stamp News in the weekly newspaper section. This is the fourth important medal for excellence which the Sidney, Ohio publication has gained at recent international competitions. Silver medal diplomas went to Dr. G. Salisbury, Sanabria's Airpost Catalogue, Bureau Issues Assn., Scott Publications, and the Postal History Society.

Fritz Billig, the Vatican Philatelic Society, the American Airmail Society, and Joe Bush all took silver-plated bronze medal diplomas,

while the Germany Philatelic Society, the American Topical Assn., and the Fine Arts Philatelist gained bronze awards.

Bronze medals went to the Washington Press, the International Reply Coupon Society, and the China Stamp Society.

Although the show was very well patronized throughout, the last week-end witnessed a mob scene that could compare only to the first days of FIPEX. There never was a show that commanded such publicity as this first congress.

Every day every one of the seven daily newspapers covered virtually every activity in long articles and pictures. The clippings this writer accumulated weighed seventeen ounces and that did not include those from weekly magazines which ran features.

The postoffice counters at the show which began selling the set of stamps issued in commemoration of the event sold out in three days. The stamps cost about 50c, but in order to buy a set, it was necessary to buy two admission tickets at 5 Pesetas (7c, one for the regular set, one for the airmails.)

Later, a pair of commemorative postal cards imprinted with special 70c and 3Pts. stamps, respectively, was offered, also with one admission ticket. These, too, went like wildfire.

Persons who did not want to buy the surtax commemoratives could get a philatelic souvenir without paying a premium over face value. At the Spanish Printing Pavilion 1 and 5Pts. stamps of the Franco portrait set were made for demonstration. The inscription of these (below the portrait) is "FNMTB" instead of the "FNMT" on the stamps normally printed in Madrid, as explained in Linn's of last week.

west of Butler on Route 68. Precancel collectors from eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania make this event their show for the year and you to will be welcome. Contact J. Garland Marks, 55 Pear St. Butler, Pa. for further information.

ANOTHER CARD

This one a fancy one from Galena, Ohio with a layout different from any seen so far and hard to describe. Its a beauty though. Once again I must say that the mention of these cards is out of proportion to the actual number of collectors interested in the things.

BULLETIN BOARD

Just about blank this time, but the Central Ohio Precancel Club came up with a town on 99 per cent of all want lists. It is Sandyville, Ohio in the new U-131 Type.

This is the third of three types used at this little village south of Canton, Ohio. The other two are U-53 which is a "one only" and U-121 wide which does not exist in more than a half dozen collections. This newcomer is the 1381st type for Ohio.

Had a mailing concerning the Midwest Postage Stamp Show that was held in Chicago, March 25-27 with a pair of 1½c Liberties from Allegan, Mich. Type U-120.

Californian New Head Of The Precancel Museum

The Precancel Museum's slate of officers elected for the coming year consists of: L. G. Olds, San Bernardino, Calif., president; J. W. DeLisle, Detroit, Mich., vice president; and Walter Snook, Azusa, Calif., secretary-treasurer.

The Precancel Museum was formed to promote the collecting of precancels and to make precancel literature available to all. Present membership extends over 16 states from coast to coast.

Membership dues are \$1 per year. Information and membership blanks are obtainable from the director, Gordon L. Wall, 3516 Mangum St., Baldwin Park, Calif.

New Postal System Planned For Britain

According to a recent item in Boston's "Christian Science Monitor" a momentous shake-up is being prepared for Great Britain's post office operations. The government has announced plans to make that departments a self-contained business running its own more than \$13,440,000,000-a-year affairs.

A government report published March 29 said greater scope and responsibilities will be given the Postmaster General—subject to his obligations as a member of the government and to Parliament—for running the post office with wider commercial freedom.

The post office will remain a government department, and its staff will continue to be civil servants.

Its finances will be separated from the British Exchequer (treasury).

Since 1956 it has been required to contribute \$14,000,000 to the Exchequer. Last year it had a surplus of \$22,960,000.

The report noted that more than \$13,440,000,000 a year pass over post office counters. It described the new status as "a renewed spur to enterprise within the post office."

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To get to the point: One of the youngsters came to me after he had visited the recent INTERPEX stamp show and with great delight showed me some things he had bought. The piece-de-resistance was two souvenir sheets, perforated and imperforated, of the "RRI Rocket-post Flight VII".

This poor kid was taken for \$3.50 for these fictitious pieces of so-called philatelic paper. I wonder how many other poor innocents are mulcted constantly by entrepreneurs who infest stamp collecting with phony treasures such as these. Imagine selling pieces of paper—perforated and imperforated—nothing more than labels, for \$3.50!

I felt so sorry for this kid, I swore I'd write to you at once. He was even pressured with the dream that they were bound to increase in value.

Well, here's to the boys who collect clean, single, canceled, without glue stamps. They are the true lovers of stamp collecting.

Yours,

Mort Slotnick

St. Gabriel Academy Names New Members

On March 24 Rev. Aloysius S. Horn of Fremont, Ohio, president of the St. Gabriel Philatelic Academy announced the names of the 1960 selections for seats in the Academy.

These are: Father Augusto Tosi, White Fathers, Milan, Italy; Father Francis Hahot, Abaliget, Hungary; Sister M. Alonza, F. S. P. A., La-Crosse, Wis.; Alfred Langenbach, Dublin, Ireland; Father Varnaux, Le Palais sur Vienne, France; and Count P. de Frayssinet of Paris, France. The academy now counts 41 of a possible membership of 50.

WOMAN'S COMMEM (Continued from page 1)

with an open book before them, symbolizing women in the home. This sketch gives the appearance of being loosely pasted against a solid background. Across the top, in white Roman letters, are the words "THE AMERICAN WOMAN".

Five niches appear at the sides and bottom three of which denote contributions of women to the greatness of this nation. To the left, in the upper portion, is one designated as "Civic Affairs". It shows a building symbolizing women's participation at all levels of government, and a gavel indicative of their voluntary organizations. There are an estimated 20,000,000 women affiliated with 600 organizations.

In the lower left, in another niche denoting "Education" are an academic cap, a hanging diploma and books—recognizing in part the 1,250,000 teachers, the principals, and others in this sphere.

In the upper right, indicative of "Arts and Industry" are a caduceus representing roughly a half million nurses, the skilled women doctors, and medical researchers. Also there are the masks of the drama and a violin, a microscope denoting women in science, and a large plant building recognizing women in industry (including over 2,000,000 secretaries), and related positions held by women.

The denomination "4c" is located in the fourth panel, to the lower right, and the wording "U. S. POSTAGE" in the final panel in the bottom center.

A total of 120,000,000 of these stamps has been ordered, in a color to be announced. Printing will be in panes of 50, on the Cottrell presses, electric-eye perforated. The stamps will measure 0.84 by 1.44 inches, arranged horizontally.

Collectors desiring first day cancellations of the 4c American Woman commemorative stamp may send addressed envelopes, together with remittances to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed, to the postmaster, Washington 13, D. C. A close fitting enclosure of postal card thickness should be placed in each envelope and the flap either turned in or sealed.

Envelopes submitted should be of ordinary letter size and each must be properly addressed. An envelope must not be sent for the return of first day covers, and orders for covers must not include requests for uncanceled stamps.

The outside envelope to the postmaster should be endorsed "First Day Covers 4c American Woman Stamp". Collectors are cautioned to send "American Woman" first day cover requests separately. Any orders containing requests for other issues will be returned by the postmaster at Washington, D. C.

The artist, Robert Sivard, received his art education at Pratt Institute and the National Academy in New York, and in Paris at the Academy Julian. His early work included murals in the Oregon State Capitol and both the New York and San Francisco World Fairs.

Subsequently he was an art director in the publishing and advertising field, and, in 1950, while working abroad, he joined the United States Foreign Service as a visual

information officer.

His paintings have been displayed at one-man shows in Paris and at the Midtown Gallery in New York. He has exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art, Paris, the Carnegie International and many other U. S. museums.

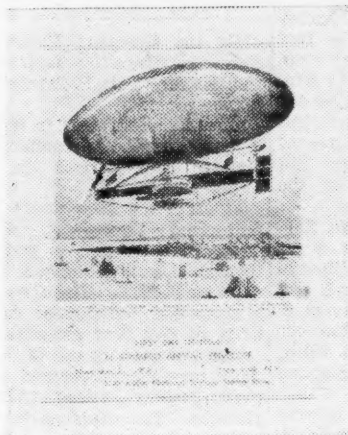
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Mr. Summerfield also stated that the Inter-American Conference, scheduled to have been held in Quito, Ecuador, starting February 1, 1960 has been postponed and will now be held in that city starting

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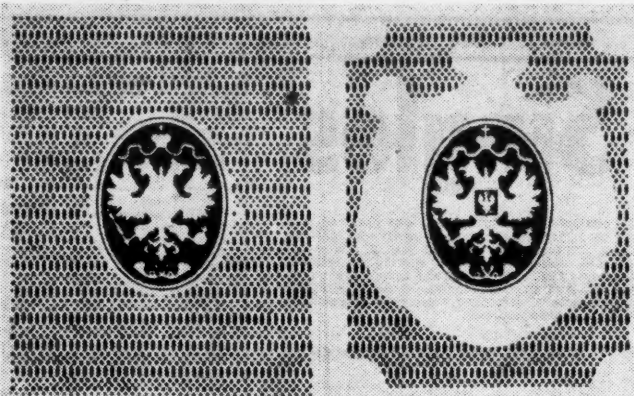
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in the color combination of the stamp for Poland.

The Polish stamp must have had many printings because the colors vary all over the map, from the most anemic tints to the clearest, attractive shades. The darker and more vivid colors command a premium.

The paper is plain white wove and varies somewhat in thickness. The gumming of the sheets was done by hand with a brush and often with very brown gum which either stained the paper, or ate into it to create an appearance of vertically laid paper.

The stamps were perforated on an elementary machine which did not always provide even and regular spacings which normally gauge from 11 1/2 to 12 1/4. The writer's collection boasts a mint blue oval variety perforated 13 1/2 on three sides and 13 at the bottom. This is the first time that such a fine perforation has been reported.

Another gem in the writer's collection is an imperforate variety canceled with the four-ring numeral 264 (Miawa). Mr. Rachmanoff has two imperfs canceled with the numeral 1 (Warsaw), one of these being on an exquisite cover. It might be noted here that the stamps were spaced so close together in the sheet that copies with perfs clearing the border are considered extra special.

The stamps are fairly well centered as far as register of the two colors is concerned because they were printed on a special two-color press which was supposed to be really something at the time. This explains why inverts have not been reported.

Some specimens show traces of the red ink on what is normally a blue element, while others show traces of blue ink on what is normally the red element, especially along the outer edges of the stamp. This raises a question whether this special press did not have some of the Giori elements where the other ink roller could have touched an unintended plate.

Dr. Kozakiewicz has a mint block of six (positions 86, 87, 88, 96, 97, 98) with the most generous border selva on two edges. He paid \$1000 for this block at a Harmer auction in New York. I always tell him that he paid only \$500 for the stamps and the other \$500 was for the marginal selva which unmistakably determines the position of the stamps in the sheet.

Mr. Bojanowicz of London has a couple of used horizontal strips of five, but these have no marginal paper by which the positions of the stamps could be identified. Mr. Rachmanoff has a block of four on cover canceled with the round Warsaw numeral 1.

The plating of Poland No. 1 is only limping along. Although impressive compilations have been made of the various cancellations and of the many uses of Poland No. 1, very little has been done on a study of the plate varieties, many of which are enumerated below:

- 1-The blue oval is the one major plate variety—the one that remained unnoticed for 80-odd years. Then there are the usually listed "blue plate" varieties.
- 2-The broken bottom frame where the center of both border lines is gashed in two places and where the left gash extends through the "T" in "LOT".
- 3-Mutilated left frame where the upper corner is rounded and the lower one fills half of the numeral "10".
- 4-The egg-shaped cavity at the upper left and the left frame broken and dented in about four places.
- 5-Both left corner "10's" butchered where the "1" of the upper "10" is blanked out and where the

lower left corner resembles a lyre. Part of the left frame is worn away.

6-Practically the entire left frame and lower corner are worn away.

7-Practically all the left frame is worn away, but the lower left corner is smashed in from the bottom to fill in part of the "10".

Thus far these errors have been reported and illustrated in many a handbook and in many an article, BUT all these authors were not very observant. Everyone of these illustrations is based on a drawing of the BLUE OVAL variety, on which the respective damages definitely do not occur. They are found only on copies without the blue oval.

The writer really believes that a detailed study of plate varieties of Poland No. 1 has not yet been made and that such a discourse on this subject is yet to be written.

One of the objects of his article, if the reader has read this far, is to stimulate interest in a specialized study of this stamp, especially in the mint copies. These are much easier to study as compared with the usually heavily canceled used copies.

There are many printing flaws, especially with flooded plate, or dry plates, or with worn plates which do not produce constant varieties.

If the Russian inscription of white letters within the blue oval is flooded, the letters become filled and take on grotesque shapes. The same may be said of each of the "10's" in the four corners. If the Polish inscription of blue letters at the bottom arc is lightly inked, the thin serfs and other lines actually disappear.

The interest should lie on permanent varieties only. Here are some further varieties discovered by the writer and reported for the first time. Varieties 8 and 9 have characteristics in both the blue and the red plates.

8-A distinct perfect blue dot right in the center of the Polish inscription between the words "LOT" and "KOP". This is not a damaged plate variety, but a definite addition. On this stamp the thin red oval is dented at the right post horn below the eagle and a red vertical stroke appears beyond and to the left of the four corners.

9-The thin red oval is broken with the upper end pushed in to touch the solid red background at the right post horn below the eagle. The blue border line is broken at the top center and is worn at each of the four corners.

Varieties 10 to 21 have their main characteristics in the blue plate only.

10-An added blue curved line running across the upper part of the stamp through the crown and branching off into two forked lines in the northeast corner, obliterating the numeral "10".

11-A small blue dot below the lower border and in line with the letter "O" of "LOT".

12-A small blue dot between the two bottom border lines below the letter "O" of "LOT".

13-A distinct gash at the inner border just to the left of the northeast "10".

14-Both upper frames broken just above right half of crown.

15-Distinct protruding bulb on outer edge of blue oval band with Russian lettering in line with "P" of "KOP" in bottom lettering.

16-Both blue borders run together to eliminate white line at top and bottom of left border.

17-Upper left frame dented in at corner. Similar to egg-shape variety 4, but with full border at left.

18-Lower left corner gone to obliterate numeral 10.

- 19-Left border gone.
- 20-Upper left corner well rounded.
- 21-Inner blue frame broken in lower right corner.
- Varieties 22 to 28 have their main characteristics in the red plate only:
- 22-The dots of the red underprint are squeezed to form a single, continuous line along the left margin.
- 23-Red dot within the blue band of Russian letters in the northwest position and an overflow of the solid red oval line at the southwest position to touch the thin red oval line.
- 24-A red dot in line with bottom border to the left of southwest corner.
- 25-A red dot in line with top border to the left of northwest corner.
- 26-Thin red oval dented at north-west in line with colon in blue band and red oval background squeezed in at northwest corner.
- 27-Red oval line broken to right of right posthorn below eagle.
- 28-The thin red oval dented in at due east location.

These are some of the findings in a study of the many differences that characterize Poland's No. 1 stamp. If any readers have copies with marginal sheet borders, multiple pieces, or copies with distinct flaws or with unusual breaks, they are asked to communicate with Myron E. Steczynski, 4154 N. Leclair Ave., Chicago 41, Ill.

President Of Austria On Birthday Stamp

To note the 70th birth anniversary of President Adolf Scharf of Austria, that nation issued a single olive green 1.50 Schilling stamp April 14 with validity as of April 20, according to Edwin Mueller.



The design by Adalbert Pilch, engraved by Georg Wimmer, shows a portrait of the chief executive slightly left of center, with the Austrian eagle in a dark shade at the upper right.

Recess printing in a quantity of 3,000,000 copies was carried out at the Austrian State Printing Works.

Butler, Pa. Stamp Exhibition May 14-15

The Butler County Philatelic Society, of Butler, Pa., will present its 14th annual stamp exhibition and open house May 14 and 15. It will be held in the Agriculture Hall on the Butler Farm Show Grounds, four miles west of Butler on route 68.

The exhibition will consist of approximately 75 frames of material owned by the Society members. This exhibition, and the bourse of a dozen well-known dealers, will be open 10 a.m.—10 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.—6 p.m. Sunday.

An important feature of the affair will be the sixth annual spring round-up for Precancel fans. Special tables and plenty of room will be set aside for them. A dinner for all is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Saturday at a nearby church.

Collectors desiring information about reservations for the dinner, motel or hotel accommodations, may contact general chairman J. Garland Marks, 455 W. Pearl St., Butler, Pa.

Israel-Palestine Group Calls April 28 Meeting

The Israel - Palestine Philatelic Society of America will hold its regular monthly meeting on April 28, at the Palmer House in Chicago at 7:30 in the evening. S. N. Shure will talk on "Forerunners of Palestine Prior to 1918" illustrated by pages from his well-known collection.

Visitors are always welcome. Information concerning the society or Israel - Palestine philately may be obtained from the secretary, Miss Del DesMarais, 427 Belden Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.

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The blue plate showing the thin oval line inside the letter band. This line appears once in about every 25 stamps.

We do not know definitely whether this stamp actually occurred once in each pane of 25; whether it occurred in one of the four panes only; whether this variety was bunched together, or finally whether some sheets were made up of this variety exclusively.

It is the writer's opinion that this stamp occurred many times in some of the sheets because of the many entirely different characteristics that are found among the dozen or so copies examined.

The amazing sidelight about this blue oval variety is that it was not reported until a few generations after the stamp was issued.

One explanation is that it was withdrawn by a government antagonistic to things that were Polish and by one that deliberately tried to erase any story that might be Polish, especially after the insurrection of 1863 when the Poles made an unsuccessful attempt to regain their freedom.

The other explanation is that even before the stamps were demonetized April 1, 1865 a protocol of October 13, 1864 reports that 393,450 mint stamps remained and it is taken for granted that these were destroyed. This perhaps explains why mint copies are comparatively scarce.

Although the stamp was printed and reprinted in many color varieties to run up a total of about 3,000,000 copies, and although there were many scholars and specialists of this stamp who covered its history and uses in minute detail, the blue oval variety laid undiscovered for 80 years. Then, due to World War II, it was not reported until 85 years after it was issued.

Getting back to the color varieties, these are basically pale blue and rose. Although the design is very similar to the early stamps of Russia, no Russian stamps were issued

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ber Vladimir Rachmanoff reports the frequency of occurrence about 1 in 25, although some feel that this variety is scarcer.

Mr. Richmanoff's ratio corresponds to about one blue oval in each of the four panes of a sheet of 10, inasmuch as the stamps were printed in panes of 25 (5 x 5) separated by a gutter 8 to 9mm wide.

From the marginal selva on a fine mint copy of this variety in the collection of M. A. Bojanowicz of London, England, this stamp is located as the lower left corner of the UPPER right pane (position 46 of the sheet), but a similar lower left corner in the LOWER right pane.

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